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The substitute reply brief filed on December 01, 2006 has been entered and considered. With regard to the Appellants' assertions on new reference used in the rejections after the earlier appeal decision (No. 2004-1498), it is noted that the new reference showing daily temperature data during 1994, was used in the current rejections for the first time because the Board has suggested (appeal decision No. 2004-1498) that the Examiner has not shown any evidence to support the temperature shall not have dropped below -1 C.

The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

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